

ANNUAL REPORT 1945.

1. Amount of Shipping Entering the Port during the Year.

Foreign:-	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected:		No. reported defective	No. on which defects re-medied.		No. on which defects found & reported to Min. of Transport Surveyors.	No. reported as having or having had during voyage infectious disease on board.
			by U.S. Navy	by U.S. Coast Guard		by U.S. Navy	by U.S. Coast Guard		
Steamers	3	852	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Motor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sailing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fishing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Foreign:	3	852	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Coastwise:									
Steamers	774	88565	-	100	-	-	-	-	-
Motor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sailing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fishing	138	1346	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Coastwise:	912	89911	-	100	-	-	-	-	-
Total Foreign & Coastwise:	915	90763	-	103	-	-	-	-	-



The above numbers show the total number of arrivals and the total tonnage for the year. Actually the numbers of individual vessels concerned were:-

Foreign Steamers	...	3
Coastwise Steamers	...	64
Fishing Vessels	...	<u>43</u>
		<u>110</u>

II. Character of Trade of Port.

- a. Passenger Traffic - There is no passenger traffic at the port.
- b. Cargo Traffic - The principal imports for the year consisted of Cement, Bricks, Grain and Timber. Coal was exported.
- c. Vessels arriving from foreign ports are shown as under:-

<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Foreign Port from which arrived.</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Cargo.</u>
Swedish	Gothenberg.	393	Timber
Dutch	Antwerp	263	Bricks
British	Antwerp	196	Bricks

III. Source of Water Supply.

Water, both for the port and for shipping, is obtained from the town's supply and it is both satisfactory and sufficient. There are no water boats.

IV. Port Health Regulations, 1935 and 1945.

(1) The Customs Officer boards every vessel from a foreign port immediately on arrival and receives a Declaration of Health in accordance with Article 13, which he then transmits to the Medical Officer of Health.


(2) No one, other than a pilot, is allowed to board a vessel from a foreign port until the Customs Officer has gone aboard and received the Declaration of Health.

(3) There are no arrangements for receiving wireless messages nor are there any land signal stations. The boatman who takes the pilot out brings back any messages as to sickness to the Customs Officer, who telephones to the Medical Officer of Health.

(4) Mooring Stations are as follows:-

- (a) Under Article 10(1) ships are to be breasted off at their place of mooring, discharge, or loading.
- (b) Under Article 10(2) ships are to be moored off Whiting Bank, subject to the undertaking that mooring place (b) is for "infected" or "suspected" ships, and mooring place (a) is for all other "healthy" ships.

(5) Standing Exemption from detention under Article 14 is granted in respect of notifiable infectious diseases other than plague, cholera, yellow fever, smallpox and typhus, and in the case of vessels otherwise healthy which arrive from a port listed under Article 11.



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(6) So far there has been no case that has required Article 16 to be put in operation.

(7) As the possibility of requiring them is so remote, no special arrangements have been made as regards premises and waiting rooms for medical examination, etc.

Persons requiring to be isolated would be dealt with under the ordinary provisions for dealing with infectious diseases either at the Local Authority's Isolation Hospital, or at the Smallpox Hospital for the County.

Ambulance transport is available for these cases.

(8) Bacteriological or pathological examination of rats for plague would be carried out at the Cumberland Laboratory, Carlisle, if considered necessary.

(9) Other bacteriological or pathological examinations would be carried out under the same arrangements, a pathologist being available, if required, from the above laboratory.

(10) A venereal diseases' Clinic is held at Whitehaven and District Hospital twice each week, under arrangements made by the Cumberland County Council.

Posters are displayed at various points, and the Customs Officer can supply information as to treatment arrangements.

V. Measures against Rodents.

Enquiries are made as to the prevalence of rats. There are no warehouses or stores on the docks, and as no foodstuffs are handled there is no evidence of any prevalence.

No Plague "infected" or "suspected" vessels or vessels from Plague infected ports arrived.

VI. Hygiene of Crews' Spaces.

Very little was found that could be taken exception to by the Sanitary Inspector, generally some want of cleanliness, and these conditions were remedied without having to serve formal notices.

The numbers inspected by the Sanitary Inspector were 101 British and two foreign vessels.

VII. Food Inspection.

No foodstuffs are imported, and consequently no action was taken under the various food regulations.

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